## **INSland**

### **Numbers**

This agency had a great turnout at the FVC Kickoff, with many new volunteers signing up. Total **FVC membership is 55**.

- Causes in order of popularity are *Children (9); Federal Programs (6); Local & Religious (3 each); Disadvantaged, Health, & Other (2 each); & Environment (1).*
- The 13 volunteers reporting **hours averaged 76 per year**.
- An **average of four years volunteering** was reported by 21 volunteers completing this item.
- The five volunteers indicating number of **people helped averaged 412** individuals.
- Of 21 volunteers reporting, **48%** volunteered in their **work city**, L.A., while **62%** volunteered in their **home cities**. Some volunteered in both; thus the total is greater than 100%.

### **Correlations**

- 1. Statistical tests indicated **volunteer hours correlated with number of people helped** at the 92% level.
- 2. At the 90% level, **volunteer hours correlated with Increase Knowledge & Skills**, as a volunteer reason. However, the latter relationship was **inverse** in that higher volunteer hours were associated with choosing this reason, but not ranking it first.

## **Stories**

**Letty Huerta** volunteers **40 hours** yearly for the *VA* helping veterans.

RICO CABRERA HAS VOLUNTEERED FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS AT THE HOLLENBECK YOUTH CENTER, OFFICIATING AT BOYS' AND GIRLS' BASKETBALL GAMES, FOR UP TO 200 HOURS ANNUALLY. HE HAS HELPED 500 TO 1000 YOUTHS. HE DOES THIS WORK TO MAKE THE WORLD BETTER, FEEL GOOD ABOUT HIMSELF DOING IT, AND INCREASE HIS SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE.

ANOTHER VOLUNTEER HAS HELPED EIGHT PEOPLE OVER THE LAST YEAR BY WORKING 100 HOURS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, HANGING CABINETS AND PAINTING. FOR OVER 20 YEARS, HE HAS ALSO DONATED TWO PINTS OF BLOOD YEARLY. HIS MAIN REASON IS FEELING GOOD ABOUT HIMSELF DOING IT, FOLLOWED BY INCREASING HIS SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE AND MAKING THE WORLD BETTER.

KEMI MIDELL HAS DEVOTED ONE HOUR WEEKLY TO HELPING A GROUP OF TEN CHILDREN IN WEST L.A. IN A PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THIS VOLUNTEER IS MOTIVATED BY HELPING CHILDREN. KEMI ALSO DONATES BLOOD ANNUALLY.

JAZZ FAN STANFORD REDISCH HAS HELPED A COUPLE OF HUNDRED CHILDREN AND ADULTS FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS BY DEVOTING 30 HOURS A YEAR TO THE SWEET & HOT MUSIC FOUNDATION. ANOTHER 30 ANNUAL HOURS HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTED TO THE SACRAMENTO TRADITIONAL JAZZ SOCIETY OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS TO HELP CHILDREN IN JAZZ CAMPS AND SENIOR CITIZENS ATTENDING ELDER HOSTEL MUSIC ENRICHMENT SESSIONS. "I HAVE FUN. DIXIELAND MUSIC IS GOSPEL. I TEACH ABOUT MUSICIANS AND AMERICANS. I ASSOCIATE WITH PEOPLE AND BUILD ONE WORLD THROUGH DIXIELAND JAZZ."

**Marisela Rodriguez** has worked at *St. Benedict School* in L.A. for **200 annual hours** for the last **four years**, mainly for religious reasons. She also feels good about herself doing it and feels it makes the world a better place.

When we talk about service and volunteering, we're talking about something that every American ought to do. Bush says that service ought to be the definition of the successful life of every American. Clinton said he wanted it to be the common expectation of every American.

Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National Service

# **REASONS FOR VOLUNTEERING**

The **INS REASONS FOR VOLUNTEERING** chart illustrates these reasons in the order listed:

- 1. Make the world better
- 2. Feel good about myself doing it
- 3. Increase knowledge and skills
- 4. Religious

